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Applicant(s): Veronique HENRIOT et al  
Serial No.: 10/080,682  
Filed: February 25, 2002  
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING AND CONTROLLING  
HYDRATE FORMATION AT ANY POINT OF A PIPE  
CARRYING MULTIPHASE PETROLEUM FLUIDS  
Art Unit: 1742  
Examiner: Brian J. Sines

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 8, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments